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The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report

Civil Air Fleet

(1) A message from Stalinabad to Moscow is directed to the commander of the Third Flight Regiment Marchenko.

(2) In flights from Novosibirsk to Baku landings will be made in Omsk.

(3) In a Baudot message, the Chief of the Directorate of the Air Fleet, Major General Astakhov, was named. The directorate is located in Moscow.

Personnel Situation

(4) The 220 workers destined for the Manganese Trust in Chiaturi were transferred to "Ferro" in Zestafoni. The food rations of these workers for March amount to: meat, 200 kg. fish, 300 kg.; animal fat, 100 kg.; vegetable oil, 100 kg.; sugar, 100 kg.; confectionery, 100 kg.

Food Supply

(5) Tiflis reports to the Chief Directorate for Tobacco in Moscow that by 1 March 10081 tons of tobacco were procured.

(6) The following stocks were reported to the Chief Directorate for Canning in Moscow: in Kutais, 163 tons of beans and 35 tons of barley, in Batumi, 53 tons of beans.

(7) The Chief Directorate for Bread in Moscow was notified that because of a short supply of flour, only 16 to 17 tons of macaroni was produced. Tiflis requests a guarantee of the flour delivery or a change in the production plan.

(8) Grain Procurement in Tiflis must deliver 15 tons of confectioner flour to the Georgian Industry Supply Office.

(9) Moscow reports to the Georgian NK for the Meat and Dairy Industry in Tiflis that for February 10 tons of rye have been authorized, and because of limited resources only 0.5 ton of flour. 35 kg of saccharine have been shipped.

(10) The Chief Directorate for Tea in Moscow was notified that in January and February 95 tons of tea have been shipped from the tea sovkhozes and 45 tons of tea from the Georgian Tea Directorate. The Georgian Tea Directorate has an order for one carload of tea.

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(11) The Chief Directorate for Tea in Moscow was also notified that 8 tons of tobacco have been allotted to the Tea Industry in Tiflis, of which, however, only 2.1 tons have been shipped.

(12) Erivan announces in Moscow the yearly requirement of salt to be 770 tons. This includes 561 tons needed for baking 22454 tons of bread.

(13) The Chief Directorate for Fat and Butter in Moscow was notified that, since the beginning of the year, 225 tons of butter have been received from the Combine. In January and February 164 tons of butter were delivered to the Chief Directorate for Fat and Butter in Moscow.

(14) Kutais reports to the Chief Directorate for Food Concentrates in Moscow that the plant did not operate on 2 March because of the lack of coal. The stock is reported as including 35 tons of grits concentrates, 45 tons of fat and 18 tons of paper.

(15) The cannery in Ordzhonikidze requires 5 tons of animal fat from the Chief Directorate for Canning in Moscow.

(16) It was further reported to the same Chief Directorate office in Moscow that Grain Procurement in Baku has rice on stock. Ordzhonikidze put in an order for 50 tons of rice.

(17) The Chief Directorate for Sugar ordered that the sugar mill in Dzhambul is to ship 810 tons of sugar for the special confectionery industry. The Turksib-Railroad must furnish 45 cars in March.

(18) The 25 united bread bakeries produce 515 tons of bread daily. Of this amount the bread bakeries in Stavropol produce daily 102 tons, in Pyatigorsk 45 tons, in Goryachevsk 38 tons, in Kislovodsk 109 tons, in Essentuki 65 tons, in Mineralnye-Vody 50 tons, in Zhelez-novodsk 23 tons, in Mikoyan-shakharsk 28 tons, in Cherkassk 35 tons and in Novoaleksandrovsk, Isobilevsk and Petrovsk each 10 tons of bread, the Rajon procurement office 3 tons.

Material Supply

(19) For repairing compasses Astrakhan needs 100 kg. of alcohol.

(20) The Lower Volga Steamship Agency is to receive 5 drums of galvanized steel cable of 35 mm.

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(21) The State Lena Steamship Agency in Irkutsk is to receive from the West Siberian Steamship Agency 3000 meters of steel cable, including 1500 m. of 23 mm. and 1500 m. of 19mm.

(22) NKRF Khabarovsk is to receive 4600 kg. of steel cable from the Trust for Metal Products in Khabarovsk. From Plant "Beloreskij" 4600 kg. of 37mm. cable must be delivered.

Oil Supply

(23) The Tea Supply in Tiflis was authorized the following for the first quarter:

Gasoline	3 tons
Petroleum	28
Ligroin	1

(24) The Tea-Sovkhoz-Directorate gives the following fuel accounting:

Consumed 1942	Oil	172 tons
	Mazut	262
Consumed 1943	Oil	18
	Mazut	24

(25) The Perfume Industry gives the following fuel accounting:

In January received:	Oil products	0.38 ton
	Gasoline	0.1
	Petroleum	0.16
	Ligroin	0.6
Consumed	Oil products	4.0
	Gasoline	0.4
	Petroleum	0.3
	Ligroin	0.8
Remainder	Oil products	42.6
	Gasoline	---
	Petroleum	8
	Ligroin	0.2

(26) Georgian Coal Research was authorized the following for March:

Oil	2 tons
Petroleum	0.1

(27) The Georgian Road Directorate in Tiflis received on 1 March:

Gasoline	23 tons
Ligroin	12
Petroleum	25
Oil	3

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(28) For sowing purposes Georgia requests for March:

Petroleum	130 tons
Ligroin	5
Gasoline	27

(29) Armenia:	Petroleum	72 tons
	Benzine	7

To ... in Erivan there was authorized for March:

Auto gasoline	2 tons
Petroleum	1

(30) The Food Industry in Armavir requests for sowing purposes:

Petroleum	500 tons
Ligroin	18
... -oil	16
Gasoline	12
Avtol	42
Nigrol	8
Solidol	5
Diesel oil	1
Oil	18

(31) The tractor situation is catastrophic. Immediate shipment is demanded.

(32) Syrup Supply in Beslan requests for March:

Petroleum	4 tons
Gasoline	7

and purifying agents according to established norms.

(33) The Electrical Industry in Nalchik requests 10 tons of gasoline for truck transport.

(34) The chemical factory in Kirovakan reports fuel stock on 1 March:

Petroleum	18 tons
Gasoline	3
Ligroin	10
Mazut	566

#### Coal Supply

(35) The Perfume Industry in Tiflis consumed in January 6.57 tons of coal.

Stock of three factories	1519.3 tons
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(36) The Tea Sovkhoz Directorate reports the following coal consumption for 1942:

90 tons; for January 1943: 3 tons

(37) Georgian Coal Research was authorized 20 tons of Tkvibuli coal for March.



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(38) The chemical factory in Kirovakan reports the following coal stock on 1 March:

Tkvibuli coal	2339 tons
Anthracite	80
Coke	85

Timber Supply

(39) The Perfume Industry in Tiflis received and consumed 80 cbm. of firewood in January.

(40) The Food Industry requests 150 cbm. of veneer wood for manufacture of transport boxes.

(41) Tiflis scheduled the procurement of 7828 masts worth 383000 rubles for the repair of telegraph lines for 1943. By 1 March 2282 masts worth 114000 rubles were procured.

(42) Georgian NK for Food Industry is to receive 100 cbm. of construction timber in March/April and 1000 cbm. of veneer wood during 1943 from the Georgian NK for Forestry.

(43) The Armenian Road Directorate in Erivan is to receive 2000 cbm. of timber material from the Armenian Bureau of the Chief Directorate for Timber Supply in Erivan.

(44) Erivan reports: Object 99 is not supplied with timber and the assignment of cutting wood has been refused by the Georgian Council of the NK.

(45) The staff of the Air Combat Force of the Black Sea fleet requests 3000 panels of veneer wood from the factory in Zaladze and asks for adequate instructions.

NKRF - Transport Situation

(46) On the order of the Central Directorate for the River Fleet, the passenger line Ufa-Kazan is to be put in operation in the 1943 navigation period with 5 steamers, namely the Tukaev, Ostrovskij, Sovetskij Polyarnik, Razvedchik, and Sholokhov.

(47) From Gorkij the passenger line Gorkij-Astrakhan is to be put in operation in the 1943 navigation period with the following seven ships: 25 Oktober, Parizhskaya Kommuna, Karl Liebknecht, 17 God, Mikoyan, Pamyat Markina, and Uritskij. Round trip 14 days, departure every 2 days.

(48) The passenger line Gorkij-Rybinsk is to be put in operation with four steamers Gleb Uspenskij, Chernyshevskij, Zhdanov, and Proletarij. Round trip - 8 days, departure every two days. The fleet is set up for wood firing. The steamer Nikitin has been assigned to the line Nizhne-Kazan-Tetyushi.

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(49) Moscow reported to Kujbyshev that the passenger line Gorkij-Astrakhan is to be put in operation in the 1943 navigation period with fourteen steamers, including Karl Marx, Ulyanov Lenin, Ordzhonikidze, Lomonsov, Komsomolets, Voroshilov, and Dzerzhinskij (rest missing).

Miscellaneous

(50) Vladimirovka reports a receipt of 74590 rubles from war loans for the fund for the construction of tanks and airplanes.